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Subject: Heads Up on Impending Petition / PVA-PVOH

Good Morning Clive,

I want to start by reintroducing myself. My name is Ryan Heisler, and I serve as the Manager of Environmental & Scientific Affairs for the American Cleaning Institute (ACI), working directly under Kathy Stanton.

The technical staff here at ACI wanted to reach out to you directly regarding an upcoming petition to the EPA, requesting the agency limit the use of Polyvinyl Alcohol (PVA / PVOH) in cleaning products and detergent packets. In the last week, ACI was alerted of this petition on PVA/PVOH use in liquid laundry detergent and auto-dish packets. Our understanding is that media outreach from the petitioners – including a cleaning products company and several NGOs – will become public November 15.

We at ACI wanted to make you and your office aware of their pending press release and petition because we feel it calls into question the thorough evaluations EPA Safer Choice has conducted to list PVA/PVOH on the Safer Choice Ingredients List. ACI will continue to be heavily engaged with these upcoming actions and we hope your office can be a part of this engagement. ACI and its members agree that the science around the biodegradability of PVA/PVOH is very clear and we are eager to work with the agency to clarify this point to the average consumer.

Thank you for your time and have a wonderful day,
Ryan Heisler

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